

**GOVERNOR JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM**

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Hello, this is Governor Jennifer Granholm.

This past week, the Legislature finished its work in passing a budget for the 2005-2006 Fiscal Year in the state of Michigan. This completes another round of belt tightening in Michigan, where we have resolved almost 3.7 billion dollars in deficits in less than three years.

In my state of the state address earlier this year, almost eight months ago, I presented a comprehensive jobs package to reform our state economy.

First, because so many people in Michigan are looking for work right now, I proposed accelerating public infrastructure projects to create tens of thousands of construction and design and engineering jobs.

Second, to make Michigan even more competitive in the market place, I offered a plan for a new business tax structure in Michigan.

Third, to create the best educated workforce in the nation, I proposed a new \$4,000 college scholarship for every child in Michigan.

Fourth, to make sure that our kids can find job opportunities in Michigan I proposed an unprecedented \$2 billion investment in Michigan to diversify our economy.

I'm thrilled that the House passed a version of this bill this week and the Senate, I expect, will pass it next week. So that will be one down, three to go on our economic proposal.

Today, it is time to put politics aside and work together to pass an economic recovery plan. And that means we in state government cannot wait in acting to secure our economic future.